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Skill Development of SC/ST Students
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to link skill development with education with a view to provide skill development to boys and girls belonging to the Scheduled Castes(SCs)/Scheduled Tribes(STs) in the colleges/secondary schools running in SC/ST areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard;

(c) whether any such scheme has been started in the colleges/secondary schools in the SC/ST areas of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (d) The Government has taken several steps to link skill development with education at secondary school and college level:

(i) At the secondary school level skill development is being provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocational training (CSSV), through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), in secondary education (from classes 9 to 12) under NSQF (National Skills Qualification Framework). It aims to promote a nationally integrated education and competency based skill framework which provides for multiple pathways both between general and vocational education. CSSV is owned by MHRD and jointly funded by them (75%) and participating State Government (25%). As of March, 2016 - NSDC is working with 15 State Governments viz. Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Telengana, Delhi Uttrakhand, West Bengal, Assam and Rajasthan for implementation of the scheme in their states through its approved and funded Sector Skill Councils. The scheme is currently covering over 3000 schools and benefiting approximately 2.25 Lakh school students including SC/ST students from classes 9 to 12.
(ii) At the college level, skill development is being provided through three Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) schemes under UGC: Community Colleges, B. Voc., and KAUSHAL Kendras. All three schemes leverage the institutional mechanism for industry-interface under MSDE. The assessment and certification of skill competence for these schemes is to take place through the industry led Sector Skill Councils (SSCs). Assessment is also aligned with the National Occupational Standards (NOS) and then Qualification Packs (QPs) developed by SSCs.
(iii) Further, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through NSDC has initiated programmes in Higher Education Institutions to integrate delivery of outcome based skill development training into mainstream 2nd and 3rd year curriculum of existing undergraduate level programmes.

These initiatives benefit the students including SC/ST students at school and college levels and have outreach to SC/ST areas as well.